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Claims

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- 1. A method of producing a porous solid, characterized by the steps of:
 - (i) preparing a fluid mixture comprising a first phase which includes one or more inorganic ionic components, and at least one second phase, the first phase and the second phase being essentially immiscible in the solid state,
 - (ii) cooling the fluid mixture to a temperature below the solidification point in order to form a solid phase mixture comprising at least one first crystalline phase and a second phase, and

(iii) removing the second phase.

The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the cooling is performed under non-segregating conditions.

The method as claimed in any one of claims 1 or 2, characterized in that the fluid mixture has an essentially eutectic composition.

- 4. The method as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that

 the second phase is removed in step (iii) by means of solvent extraction.
- 5. The method as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that
 the second phase is a substance which is soluble in aqueous media.

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The method as claimed in any one of the preceding claims,

characterized in that

the first phase is a water-insoluble salt.

7. The method as claimed in any one of the preceding claims,

characterized in that

the second phase is a water-soluble salt which is able to form a eutestic prixture with the first

phase.

8. The method as claimed in any one of the preceding claims,

characterized in that

the first phase comprises AgCl and the second phase comprises an alkali metal halide.

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9. The method as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the mixture is formed from 70 mol% of AgCl and 30 mol% of KCl.

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- 10. Porous ion conducting solid obtainable via a method as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 9.
- 11. An electrochemical cell which contains as the electrolytes a porous solid as claimed in claim 10.

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- 12. The electrochemical cell as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that the pores of the solid are filled with a fluid.
- 35 13. The electrochemical cell as claimed in claim 12, characterized in that the fluid is a liquid electrolyte.



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- 14. The use of a solid or an electrochemical cell as claimed in any one of claims 11 to 13 as a sensor.
- 15. The use as claimed in claim 14 for the determination of gases.
 - 16. The use of a solid as claimed in claim 10 in separation technology or in catalysis.